Single-window facilitator for foreign investment

1658. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the appointment of single-window facilitator for foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA) has been set up in August, 1999 to act as the single-point interface between foreign investors and various Central/State Government agencies in resolving implementation issues related to FDI. FIIA meets at regular intervals to discuss and resolve implementation issues related to FDI.

Decline in infrastructure growth

1659. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infrastructure growth has come down to 2 per cent in April-December, 2001 as compared to 6.8 per cent during April-December, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors where the downward trend has been significant; and

(c) the causes for this downward trend and what is the estimated projection of growth of infrastructure in the year 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The overall growth rate for the sue infrastructure industries, namely, crude petroleum, petroleum refinery products, cement, finished steel, coal and electricity have been 2 per cent